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ABUNDANT RAINFALLS FAVOR AGRICULTURE;  
REPORT INTENSIVE THRESHING CAMPAIGN

STRESSES SEASONAL OPERATIONS -- Sofia Izgrev, 19 Jul 50

The abundant rainfalls noted recently in the western part of the country will help to make seasonal agricultural operations much more effective. It is therefore most important that these operations should be accomplished as extensively and completely as possible, and include: the shallow plowing of stubble fields (which as of 15 July had been accomplished only by 36.1 percent, 61.7 on Farm Workers' Cooperatives, and 49 percent on State Farms), summer plowing, and earthing. The abundant crops in the USSR and other countries are mostly due to extensive and efficient earthing operations, and much remains to be done in Bulgaria in this connection. Mechanization has been introduced to a very small extent and has been limited to horse-drawn diggers, whereas tractors are still very infrequent.

The rainfalls will also have a very favorable effect on fodder, and the greatest emphasis should be given to the production of these crops.

THRESHING PROCEEDS ON 24-HOUR SCHEDULE -- Sofia Izgrev, 21 Jul 50

The threshing campaign throughout the country is gaining in intensity and the work is proceeding on a 24-hour schedule. However, grain deliveries are still lagging, and a more efficient educational campaign will be needed to achieve early collection and delivery.

The farmers of a cooperative in Pirne, Aitos Okoliya, have invented a threshing method which saves the work of eight laborers: the straw obtained from the threshing machine is placed in bag-nets equipped with a rope; as soon as the nets are full, they are driven away by a team of horses hitched to the ropes. The new system allows the formation of higher and wider stacks, reaching 70 meters, and is being introduced in Farm Workers' Cooperatives throughout the area.

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BOOST ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION -- Sofia Izgrev, 20 Jul 50

Artificial insemination of sheep will be applied on a larger scale during this year's campaign, with 420 new insemination centers to be established throughout the country, or twice as many as last year. Merino rams are preferred for insemination purposes. Wherever possible, collective herds will be assembled and all the animals from Farm Workers' Cooperatives will be included in this type of herd to facilitate the operations.

NEW DAM COMPLETED -- Sofia Zemedelsko Zname, 5 Jul 50

On 2 July, a small dam was put into operation in the village of Gradets, Vidin Okoliya, in honor of the first anniversary of the death of Dimitrov. This dam will supply water to 1,500 decares of land. The inhabitants of Gradets worked on this dam for a whole year. Four thousand meters of irrigation canals were dug.

ESTABLISH NEW AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL -- Berlin Taegliche Rundschau, 16 Aug 50

The Presidium of the National Assembly has decreed the establishment of a new agricultural college. The new institution will bear the name of Vasil Kolarov and will have departments of agronomy, agricultural technique, viticulture, and gardening.

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